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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN - EARTHQUAKE: USAID/DART SITUATION REPORT

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Summary  
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[1](#)1. The U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) estimates that there are 100,000 to 250,000 people who are not receiving relief in remote areas. UNICEF will be assessing these un-accessed areas. The Government of Pakistan (GOP) requested that the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) establish camps at sites in Balakot, Batagram, Mansehra, Muzaffarabad, Shangla, and Gari Habibullah. The shelter cluster group reported that 2 million people need shelter. The Pakistani military plans to establish camps in Balakot, Gari Habibullah, and Batagram within the next 24 hours. End summary.

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Logistics  
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[1](#)2. On October 18, a U.S. Embassy/Pakistan representative attended the Logistics cluster group meeting and reported that the lack of information regarding needs of earthquake affected residents as well as the specific areas affected is still the major problem. The group reported that it is difficult to determine what relief supplies are in the pipeline.

[1](#)3. One group participant estimated that on the civilian side of the airport, there are 300 metric tons or 120 pallets still on the ground. In response to increasing traffic, the GOP has just announced that non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have six hours to clear cargo after it arrives. Cargo that is not moved during that time will be picked up by the Pakistani military, presumably for distribution.

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Water and Sanitation  
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[1](#)4. On October 18, a USAID/Pakistan representative attended a water and sanitation cluster group meeting and reported that UNICEF has set up a team to assess un-accessed areas. UNICEF estimates that there are 100,000 to 250,000 people who are not receiving relief in remote areas. The UNICEF team will conduct a rapid assessment of these villages. Meeting participants reported that there is no additional need for mobile treatment units in Muzaffarabad.

[1](#)5. UNICEF and the Ministry of Environment (MOE) are collaborating to provide safe and clean drinking water in affected areas. The MOE has constituted a survey team that has already surveyed Muzaffarabad and is currently surveying Balakot in order to assess the feasibility of installing water purification plants. The survey team will identify the water source, quality, and the capacity of the treatment plant in terms of the treated water output. The MOE has ordered four plants, one of which will be installed in Muzaffarabad on October 19.

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Camp Management  
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16. On October 18, UNHCR briefed the diplomatic community on its efforts as leader of the camp management cluster for the relief effort. UNHCR reported that it needs funding for the camp management category of the U.N.'s 2005 South Asia Earthquake appeal in the amount of \$22 million. The food cluster appeal contains funding for food for those in the camps, but the camp management appeal includes funding for all other elements needed to establish camps logistics, water and sanitation, health, shelter, and emergency relief supplies such as kitchen sets and blankets. UNHCR has already spent USD 7,584,000 from its operational reserve, which must be replenished.

17. UNHCR reported the following main points:

--UNHCR's main goal is to discourage additional displacement by providing technical and organizational assistance to informal settlements and tents and emergency relief supplies to individual families who want to remain near their homes;

--The GOP requested that UNHCR establish camps at sites in Balakot, Batagram, Mansehra, Muzaffarabad, Shangla, and Gari Habibullah;

--UNHCR will plan camps of 5,000 persons except in Muzaffarabad where there is limited space. UNHCR will not erect tents until people request to stay in the camp. UNHCR will not object if those in the camp decide to leave and take their tents nearer to their homes;

--UNHCR has already distributed 3,000 winterized tents and 2,000 kerosene stoves. UNHCR has an additional 10,000 tents, 20,000 blankets, and other emergency relief items on the way;

--UNHCR plans for the camps to remain open only six months; after this period, UNHCR anticipates that the International Organization for Migration (IOM) or another agency will assume management of any camps that may still be necessary;

--Camp size will be limited to 5,000 persons because of the difficult terrain, and UNHCR will rely on the GOP to identify appropriate locations for camps;

--UNHCR has no plans to establish camps in Islamabad, Rawalpindi, or other urban areas; however, UNHCR will provide technical assistance to the GOP if it decides to construct urban camps.

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Shelter  
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18. On October 18, the USAID/DART Structural Specialist and the U.S. Military Officer Liaison to the USAID/DART attended the shelter cluster meeting and reported that 300,000 tents are necessary. The cluster group reported that some residents who live in higher altitude areas are trying to relocate to camp cities in lower areas as they fear landslides and snowfall. Blankets and tents are the most critically needed items. The shelter cluster reported that 2 million residents need shelter, and 500,000 people may need to move to camps. The Pakistani military plans to establish camps in Balakot, Gari Habibullah, and Batagram within the next 24 hours. UNHCR reported that they will be operating here on a temporary basis for six to seven months.

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USAID/DART Assessment Trips  
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19. On October 19, the two USAID/DART team members and U.S. Embassy/Pakistan representatives deployed to Muzaffarabad to conduct follow-up assessments and coordinate relief activities with the U.N.

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